

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application is respectfully requested for at least the reasons set forth below. Claims 2-3, 5-6, 11-12, 14-15, 20-21 and 23-24 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 8-9 and 17-18 have been withdrawn by the Examiner. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19 and 22 will be pending.

Claims 1-7, 10-16 and 19-24 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reinstate and consider claims 8-9 and 17-18 upon allowance of generic claim 1 as these claims depend from claim 1 and represent additional species not previously considered.

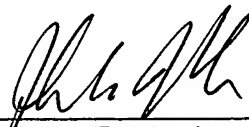
Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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